

Custom House and Public Stores  
(Salem Maritime National Historic Site)  
178 Derby Street  
Salem  
Essex County  
Massachusetts

HABS No. MA-799

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Massachusetts	COUNTY Essex	TOWN OR VICINITY Salem
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Custom House and Public Stores		HABS NO. MA-799
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE part of Salem Maritime National Historic Site		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 178 Derby Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1818-1819	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) During the early 19th century, much of Salem's wealth was linked to maritime trade, thus making the Custom House a critically important building in the community. Architecturally the building is a fine example of the Federal Style.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Federal		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 2 stories on raised basement; T-shaped; 2-story custom house and 3-story rear warehouse wing; hipped roof on custom house, gable roof on warehouse; 1-story entrance portico		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Round-arched entrances with sidelights and fanlights; composite order portico capped by balustrade; central, 2nd-story palladian window; modillioned cornice; roof balustrade with central name plaque and eagle finial; octagonal cupola.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Central hall plan in customs house; fine original interior woodwork.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Additions and alterations, 1853-1854.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Scribner Historic Buildings Series. <u>Historic Buildings of Massachusetts</u> . 1976.		
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